



COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY

APPLETON AND SPAUNTON COMMUNITY ENERGY GROUP

Notes of Meeting

Tuesday 30th January 2007
Village Hall, Appleton-le-Moors

Present

Helen Beaumont, Dave Grewer, Jim Hall, Judie Holliday, Peter Jones, John Marsden, Dave Rawlings, Nelly Trevelyan

Apologies

George Winn-Darley, Petra Slangen

Wind Turbine

Nelly has spoken to George Winn-Darley and as far as she can make out he is still not against the proposal of having a wind turbine on his land. Peter and Jim will arrange a site visit with him to talk about the routing of the cable and the possible sites for the turbine. The next step will be to seek planning permission, but searching for funding should still be a priority. Peter will arrange a meeting with the chief planning officer for an informal discussion about the wind turbine project. Before the meeting the group will need to get details of the proposed site/s, the grid connection route, the size and height of the turbine etc. The outcome of this meeting should determine how detailed the environmental assessment will have to be.

Jim has suggested that a representative of the group should attend the next parish council meeting on Tuesday 6th February and inform them of the group's proposal/s. Jim will ask for Renewable Energy to be added to the agenda as an item of AOB. Judie will make four copies of the Wind Project Feasibility Study to circulate to the councillors. It was also decided that the Wind Turbine project would be the subject of an article in a new edition of the Renewable Energy Newsletter. Nelly to draft an article.

Energy Efficiency

Nick Coakley from Ryedale District Council is willing to run another course and hopefully he will include a "look" at two houses in the village to assess them. A date will be arranged for this.

District Heating

There is to be a project start-up meeting on Monday 5th February in the Village Hall (if it is not available the meeting will be in the Reading Room). The two questionnaires were examined and it was decided that a combination of the two forms would be most appropriate as the group would like to gather more data than the NEA form requests, this would be raised at the start-up

meeting). It was thought that it would be best to hand deliver these forms, (together with the news letter), the householders would be offered help with the completion of the forms and told when they would be collected. Nelly is to do a draft article for the newsletter, Peter offered to provide technical details if necessary. Judie will do a layout. Vicki has asked the group to enquire if there are any community buildings to be included in the scheme. It was thought that the church, village hall and possible the reading room would want to be included. Approaches would be made to the appropriate committees/representatives. A number of buildings have been identified as being suitable for conversion to boiler housing and fuel storage. Dave will approach the owners of these buildings. Another out of village building has been offered for larger storage. Vicki has also requested details of any archaeological sites in the village and for a utilities plan.

Action Plan

A number of dates were agreed, they included
Newsletter to be distributed by 26th February
Questionnaires collected during the following week
Feasibility study to be completed by the end of May (requirement of SDF grant)
Meeting with chief planning officer in early March
Energy Efficiency Day to be held on 24th March

Funding

Peter reported that it had been brought to his attention that certain funds can only be accessed by registered charities. It was suggested that a charitable trust could be created which the CIC could put funds into, thereby allowing them to apply for some grants. Petra will look into this and report at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 6th March – to wind up Energy Group and Inaugural Meeting of Community Interest Company

There followed a short meeting of the CIC directors to deal with a number of formalities relating to the company.